

PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES – May 30, 2013

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 4:30 p.m. as was duly advertised. Council members in attendance were: Stan Goffinet, Steve Goodson, Jim Adams, Dianne Rudolph, Jody French, Chet Mathena and Ron Crawford Sr. Kevin Koelling, media representative from the Perry County News, was also present along with Council Attorney Jim Tyler.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Jody French was welcomed as the newest member to the County Council.

REORGANIZATION

Due to the fact that President Alan Cassidy resigned on April 30th from the County Council, the Council members will have to reorganize. Pro-Tem Stan Goffinet stated that he had researched the law on the procedures for the reorganization of the County Council. He read aloud the procedures, and then asked for a nomination for president. Chet made a motion to nominate Steve Goodson for president and Ron made a motion to nominate Stan Goffinet for president. Stan closed the nominations and asked if anyone wanted to speak on behalf of the nominees.

Chet stated that Steve would make an excellent president, has been on council a number of years, and is very informed on issues involving the council.

Ron stated that Stan has been a very good council member and pro-tem. He does a lot of research on council issues, knows about the budgets and fund numbers. He is secretary on the Indiana County Council Association. He attends many of the County Commissioners meetings along with state and district meetings. Ron stated that Stan has done a great job and by electing him president of the council he will do a great service to this council and the citizens of Perry County.

Stan called for a vote on the nominees in the order that they were nominated. Voting for Steve Goodson for president was as follows: Chet, Jody, Jim and Steve. Stan announced that Steve Goodson would be the new council president.

President Steve Goodson asked for nominations for Pro-tem. Chet made a motion to nominate Jim Adams for Pro-tem. No other nominations were received, so Steve closed the nominations and asked for a vote on the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting on April 25, 2013 had been mailed to each council member for their review. Dianne made a motion to approve the minutes, and Jim seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0 with Jody abstaining.

PERRY COUNTY EXTENSION

New County Extension Youth Educator and County Extension Director Cathy Boerste introduced herself. She stated that she was originally from Perry County and was glad to be coming back home. She had been the Youth Educator for Gibson County before transferring to Perry County. She stated that she is already working with the 4-H program and looking forward to the 4-H Fair.

HORSE RESCUE SOUTH

Becky Thorn and Jo Sodrel attended the meeting and provided information on Horse Rescue South. She explained that since 2009 they have cared for a total of 48 horses from Perry County – 21 of those were seized by Perry County Law Enforcement and 27 surrendered by owners. She stated that they were not asking for a set amount each year, they are only asking \$170.24 for the first 10 days of care for a seized horse.

Steve stated that he was reluctant at first about the agreement, but he had talked with Sheriff Chestnut and learned quite a bit about the agreement and the request.

Chet stated that he has a great admiration for the rescue group, but when animal-control efforts were launched several years ago, they were aimed at dogs and cats. Chet stated that he felt this is more than what we can reasonably do – we're not completely out of the recession, we just increased taxes to build a new jail, our employment rate is too high and we may as taxpayers be called upon to help pay for a new hospital. Perry County cannot afford to support four animal organizations. He continued by saying Perry County along with Tell City and Cannelton support the Perry County Animal Shelter. He asked how can we be sure that other animal organizations will not be

requesting similar contracts in the future. This is simply something that our taxpayers can't afford.

Jo Sodrel commented that they have done fundraisers, along with taking money out of their own pockets, but they need help too. Becky Thorn stated that the county dispatchers receive lots of calls about horses.

Council member Dianne stated that she wanted assurance that the county would not be paying for somebody's hobby on a temporary basis, and then let the owner have the horse back. Becky stated that the horses do not go back to the owner, and they provide resources to people who don't know how to properly care for their animals.

Ron stated that several years ago the Humane Society had approached the council and asked for financial aid from the county, and the council turned them down. Ron also stated that by not helping the Humane Society he could not in any way, shape or form in all good conscience support this when he couldn't support them. Becky pointed out that Horse Recue South is not a national organization like the Humane Society.

Jim Carter, President of the Humane Society, stated that there is some misunderstanding about the funding that the Humane Society had requested. He said that the society had never asked for money for itself, but did ask if an animal is injured on a road, that funding be provided to pay for vet bills on the injured animals.

Sheriff Chestnut stated that this agreement is a good resource to have if there are animals that need to be seized. Lee stated that he would like to use Indiana Board of Animal Health first for most cases, unless there was just a rare emergency.

After more discussion between both the Council and the Horse Rescue South the Council members moved on to the next item on their agenda.

TRANSFERS

Perry County Sheriff, Lee Chestnut, requested a transfer of \$4,500 from Third Police Officer Salary to Part-Time Police Officer within the Sheriff's budget. Lee explained that he has a sheriff's deputy on workman's compensation and if the transfer is allowed he will then be able to hire more part-time deputies. Ron made the motion to approve the transfer request and Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Perry County EMA Director, Steve Hauser requested a transfer from within the Cumulative Capital Development Fund in the amount of \$10,000 from the line item Weather Emergency Fund to Equipment Lease Payment-EMA. Steve explained that the 1999 rescue vehicle is having some mechanical issues. Instead of repairing the vehicle he has received quotes from several dealerships and the lowest quote is \$36,258 which includes a trade in of the 1999 vehicle. Steve stated that this would be a 5 year loan with a low interest rate with German American Bank. Stan made the motion to approve the request and Chet seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Perry County Judge Lucy Goffinet requested a transfer in the amount of \$5,500 from Probation Officer to Community Service Administrator within the Supplemental Adult Probation Services fund. Jim made the motion to approve the transfer request and Chet seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

TRANSFER APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

CC-13-4

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM ONE MAJOR BUDGET CLASSIFICATION TO ANOTHER MAJOR BUDGET CLASSIFICATION IN THE FOLLOWING NAMED BUDGET; NOW THEREFORE:

SEC. 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PERRY COUNTY, PERRY COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS BE MADE IN THE FOLLOWING MADE BUDGET:

COUNTY GENERAL FUND

TRANSFER \$ 4,500.00

**FROM: ACCOUNT #1000-005-1000.14
THIRD POLICE OFFICER SALARY**

**TO: ACCOUNT #1000-005-1000.21
PART TIME POLICE OFFICER \$ 4,500.00**

WITHIN: SHERIFF'S BUDGET

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

TRANSFER \$ 10,000.00

**FROM: ACCOUNT #1138-161-3000.91
WEATHER EMERGENCY FUND**

**TO: ACCOUNT #1138-161-3000.82
EQUIPMENT LEASE PAYMENT - EMA \$ 10,000.00**

WITHIN: COURTHOUSE BUDGET

SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION SERVICES FUND

TRANSFER \$ 5,500.00

**FROM: ACCOUNT #2100-232-1000.29
PROBATION OFFICER**

**TO: ACCOUNT #2100-232-1000.19
COMMUNIT SERVICE ADMINSTRATOR \$ 5,500.00**

WITHIN: CIRCUIT COURT BUDGET

ADOPTED THIS 30TH DAY OF MAY, 2013

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**STEVE GOODSON/S/
JAMES K. ADAMS/S/
DIANNE RUDOLPH /S/
JODY FRENCH /S/
CHESTER MATHENA /S/
RON CRAWFORD SR. /S/
STAN GOFFINET /S/**

**ATTEST:
CONNIE A. BERGER
PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR**

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Perry County Commissioners requested an additional appropriation within the commissioner's budget in the amount of \$5,000 for Animal Handling Fees. The request died for a lack of a motion.

Adam Temple with the Perry County Parks and Recreation Department request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,000 for Run/Walk Expenses from within the Parks & Rec Non-Reverting Fund. Jim made a motion to approve the request and Stan seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Judge Lucy Goffinet requested an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$1,400 for Training and Education within the Supplemental Adult Probation Fund. Ron made the motion to approve the request and Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 13-CC-04

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO APPROPRIATE MORE MONEY THAN WAS APPROPRIATED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET; NOW, THEREFORE:

SEC. 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PERRY COUNTY, PERRY COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE TAXING UNIT THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY ARE HEREBY APPROPRIATED OUT OF THE FUNDS NAMED AND FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED, SUBJECT TO LAWS GOVERNING THE SAME:

| COUNTY GENERAL FUND | AMOUNT REQUESTED | AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | AYE | NAY |
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| <u>PERRY CO COMMISSIONERS</u> | | | | |
| #1000-068-3000.65 | \$ 5,000.00 | NO MOTION MADE – REQUEST DIED FOR A LACK OF A MOTION | | |
| ANIMAL HANDLING FEE | | | | |
| COUNTY GENERAL FUND TOTAL: | \$5,000.00 | | | |

PARKS & REC NON-REVERTING FUND

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| <u>PARKS & RECREATION DEPT</u> | | | | |
| #1179-803-2000.40 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | 7 | 0 |
| RUN/WALK EXPENSES | | | | |
| PARKS & REC NON-REVERTING | | | | |
| FUND TOTAL: | \$1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | | |

SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION FUND

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| <u>CIRCUIT COURT</u> | | | | |
| #2100-232-3000.91 | \$ 1,400.00 | \$ 1,400.00 | 7 | 0 |
| TRAINING AND EDUCATION | | | | |
| SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION | | | | |
| FUND TOTAL: | \$ 1,400.00 | \$ 1,400.00 | | |

ADOPTED THIS 30TH DAY OF MAY, 2013

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| <u>NAY</u> | <u>AYE</u> |
| | STEVE GOODSON/S/ |
| | JAMES K. ADAMS/S/ |
| | DIANNE RUDOLPH /S/ |
| | JODY FRENCH /S/ |
| | CHESTER MATHENA /S/ |
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AMENDMENT TO SALARY ORDINANCE

County Auditor, Connie Berger, explained that since the transfer request had been allowed in the Supplemental Adult Probation Services fund for the position of Community Service Administrator the salary ordinance would need to be amended to reflect this position with a rate of pay of \$11.70. Stan made the motion to amend the salary ordinance and Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE

County Auditor, Connie Berger, presented the County Council with an Ordinance Amending the Personnel Policies Handbook. She explained that this will repeal the Extended Illness Policy and replace it with a new Leave of Absence without Pay policy. Chet made the motion to approve the Ordinance and Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. (See Attachment “A” Ordinance No. O-CC-13-2)

BORAD APPOINTMENTS

Due to Alan Cassidy resigning from the County Council there were a few board appointments that had to be made.

Indiana 15 Regional Planning: Ron made the motion to appoint Dianne Rudolph to replace Alan on the Indiana 15 Regional Planning Board. Chet seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0

Perry County EMA Advisory Council: Dianne made the motion to appoint Steve Goodson to fulfill Alan’s term on the EMA Advisory Council. Jim seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

PCDC DELEGATE: Ron asked if Alan had to be replaced as the Delegate for the PCDC. Connie explained that she had spoken with Alan and he wished to remain as the council’s appointment as a delegate until the end of the year.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The County Auditor reminded all council members that the State Board of Accounts State called meeting will be on June 29th in Plainfield. If council members are wishing to attend, they should let the County Administrator know by June 5th.

Steve announced that a plaque had been purchased to be given to Alan for his years of service on the County Council. A time would be set when all council members could present the plaque to Alan.

There being no further business to come before the council, Diane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0, with adjournment at 5:25 p.m.

Minutes approved this 27th day June of 2013.

President, Perry County Council

Minutes prepared by:
Connie A. Berger, Perry County Auditor